

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is probably Australia's most important national occasion. As you know it marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

Even in our small districts of Quandialla, Bimbi, Bland, Morangarell & Bribbaree - war touched many families, and the war memorials that stand today are a testimonial to those local lads.

While tripping through internet space I have come across a few reports of returned soldiers from the First War and I thought they might be of interest to IC readers –

Forbes Times – 13th Dec 1918: Air. Lt. Douglas has been most unfortunate in contacting blood poisoning, and at the time of writing he is seeking medical attention at Cootamundra.

Forbes Advocate – 24th Jan 1919: Trooper Norman Carr and Driver W Astor were cordially welcomed home at Bimbi last week.

Forbes Times – 27th June 1919: A public welcome was accorded to Driver Eric Robinson and Private Thomas Causer, in the Bimbi Hall on Friday night last, same being well attended. Speeches were made and the two lads were presented with gold medals on behalf of their Bimbi and district friends.

Forbes Times – 7th Nov 1919: Pte. Percy Sinclair arrived home from the front by Saturday morning's train.

On a lighter note the following is from I.C. - Vol. 2 No. 1 dated 2nd May '57

ANZAC DAY. Your newspaper has already reported the ceremonies held in Quandialla, but I will bet that they failed to report the dramatic entrance made by some of the Quandi Diggers to the function being held at Bribbaree. They have sworn off swinging doors for life. Arriving during one of President Joe Moran's lengthy orations, and not wishing to interrupt same by moving to a seat, they gracefully leaned back on the doors and with a fearful crash found themselves back in the street. Ron Dibbs in his reply to the President made an allusion to the "dramatic entrance of the Quandialla contingent" Messrs Watts, Bailey and Battenally were duly embarrassed.

Today Anzac Day is when we honour all Australian Service Men and Women, past and present.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CAN ANYONE TELL ME?

When you read the Blast from the Past page Mr Mitchell writes about the roads to Quandi being sealed, this was in 1957 – would this be the answer to the question of when the Bimbi Rd was sealed? (IC No.34).....

CENTENARY LOGO

If you have been working on a proto type and ran out of time please go back and finish it – our committee would love to see it. Please forward your logo to Sue P at the Post Office.

CENTENARY COOKBOOK

We are still calling for your favourite family recipes we need a few more to make a successful recipe book. Please email to suepcentenary@gmail.com or leave at the PO

NOW

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL SCOTS DEBUTANTE BALL

This Saturday - 27th April 2013

Doors open at 8.30pm – Debs presented at 9.00pm

Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$25 each

BYOG & Basket Supper

FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: The Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot is \$160 this Friday night. The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw has jumped to \$4200 plus the Friday Night meat draw will be held.

MOTHERS DAY DINNER: The Centenary Committee will be preparing a delicious meal on FRIDAY evening 10th May at the Quandialla Bowling Club. You can celebrate an early Mother's Day and help the Centenary Committee raise funds for our big weekend next year. More info in next week's newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 28th April – Hall clean up after the Ball – 10am start, all welcome
- 28th April – St Brigid's Liturgy at 10am – St Marks Anglican Church
- 28th April – St Marks Anglican Church Service at 5pm
- 4th May – Euchre at Bribbaree at 6.30pm BBQ followed by cards
- 10th May – Mother's Day Dinner
- 12th May – Mothers' Day (don't forget)
- 29th May – Centenary Meeting at the Bland Hotel at 7.30pm

SAD PASSING OF STAN ARMITAGE: It is with regret that we have to note the passing of Mr Stan Armitage, recently of "Belvedere" Quandialla.

Our condolences go to his family at this sad time.

BLAND SHIRE ROADS: The local mail person has happily reported that the roads down the Bland have finally been graded. Bad news for the tyre companies but good news for those who have to travel on them.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 52

THURS. APRIL 25TH 1957

"Idle Chatter's First Birthday"

The latest from the "Seat of Knowledge".....To a girl, courtship is the art of helping a man discover for himself that he's going to marry her.

The beautiful silicone finish on Ned Kelly's car has been somewhat marred. Returning home on Tuesday night, he nearly ran into a cow which had trespassed into the back yard. Enraged at this violation of his rights, he left the car to chase the intruder when its mate charged from the garage and promptly kicked in one of the mudguards. It was a cow of a thing to do.

All roads approaching Quandi are being sealed and what a good job they are doing. The tar used in the process has to be heated so that it can flow freely. On the Wednesday morning, a fire was lit under the tank and whacko, up she goes. It was burning fiercely for quite a while. In the meantime the men were frantically shovelling dirt on to what could have developed into a nasty fire considering the large number of drums containing tar which were in the vicinity. All's well that ends well, and road making has resumed.

Twenty lines to go and Mrs Penfold can have what's left. Perhaps a word about this little joke would be fitting at this stage. A newcomer could be mystified by the thing. After issue No 6 Mrs Reg Penfold jokingly asked me to leave a bit more space at the end of IC. She said "IC saves me much writing to my friends but I would like a space left for personal message". And so it has gone on and on until it has become part and parcel of IC.

Reviewing the year's activities, I honestly think that IC has served a useful purpose, but I cannot for the life of me understand the attitude of some who persistently and pointedly fail to take advantage of a free, and I hope, unbiased publication. IC has made many friends for me, and once again I hope no enemies. It may have confirmed your suspicion that I am slightly off balance. You may be right at that. All in all I have enjoyed the work which goes into the publication of this sheet, and if YOU have derived some pleasure from reading it, the "me and me mate IC", on this our first birthday, are happy.

Cheers everyone..... **Sue Priestley**